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Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world"
Second session
3 to 14 April 2000
Item 1 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Proposed organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee proposes that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be devoted to informal consultations on the draft outcome document (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2) and the draft political declaration.

2. There would be no formal debate. The session would begin with a brief formal meeting on the first day to adopt the agenda, approve the organization of work and hear the introduction of documents. Informal consultations would begin immediately.

3. The session would conclude with a brief formal meeting to take action on the draft decisions relating to the provisional agenda and organizational arrangements of the special session, to adopt its report and either conclude the work or suspend the session.

4. There could be three Working Groups, on the understanding that no more than two would meet in parallel session at any single time. Interpretation for four meetings a day will be provided.

5. The Working Groups may be assigned as follows:

(a) Working Group I would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on five of the 10 commitments, identified by a proposal from the Bureau;

(b) Working Group II would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on the other five commitments;

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(c) Working Group III would hold negotiations on the draft political declaration (Chairman's text to be issued).

6. The Working Groups would be chaired by members of the Bureau. In addition, two facilitators would be named to assist with particularly difficult issues identified in the Working Groups.

7. Working Group III would begin on Monday, 3 April, holding two meetings a day during the first week until agreement is reached on a text.

8. During the first week, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with Working Group III, each holding one meeting a day in alternative sittings: one Working Group would meet in the morning, the other in the afternoon. Once Working Group III has completed its work, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with each other.

Annex

Date time	*Agenda item*
Monday, 3 April	
a.m.	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Introductory statements
	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
p.m.	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
Tuesday, 4 April through Thursday, 13 April	
a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
Friday, 14 April	
a.m.	Informal consultations
p.m.	Action on draft proposals
	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee
	Closure (or suspension) of the session

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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Proposed organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee proposes that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be devoted to informal consultations on the draft outcome document (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2) and the draft political declaration (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2 (Part I)).

2. There would be no formal debate. The session would begin with a brief formal meeting on the first day to adopt the agenda, approve the organization of work and hear the introduction of documents. Informal consultations would begin immediately.

3. The session would conclude with a brief formal meeting to take action on the draft decisions relating to the provisional agenda and organizational arrangements of the special session, to adopt its report and either conclude the work or suspend the session.

4. There would be three Working Groups, on the understanding that no more than two would meet in parallel session at any single time. Interpretation for four meetings a day will be provided.

5. The Working Groups would be assigned as follows:

(a) Working Group I would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on commitments 1, 7, 8 and 9 and would be chaired by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile);

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(b) Working Group II would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on commitments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 and would be chaired by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Koos Richelle (Netherlands);

(c) Working Group III would hold negotiations on the draft political declaration and would be chaired by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran).

6. Three facilitators would be named to assist with the negotiations.

7. Working Group III would begin on Monday, 3 April, holding two meetings a day during the first week.

8. Also during the first week, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with Working Group III, each holding one meeting a day in alternative sittings: one Working Group would meet in the morning, the other in the afternoon. During the second week, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with each other.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date time	*Agenda item*
Monday, 3 April	
a.m.	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Introduction of the documentation
	Informal consultations (Working Groups I and III)
p.m.	Informal consultations (Working Groups II and III)
Tuesday, 4 April, through Friday, 7 April	
a.m.	Informal consultations (Working Groups I and III)
p.m.	Informal consultations (Working Groups II and III)
Monday, 10 April, through Thursday, 13 April	
a.m.	Informal consultations (Working Groups I and II)
p.m.	Informal consultations (Working Groups I and II)
Friday, 14 April	
a.m.	Informal consultations
p.m.	Action on draft proposals
	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee
	Closure (or suspension) of the session

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Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*
Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world": consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session of the General Assembly

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Koos Richelle (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Organizational arrangements for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly adopts the following organizational arrangements for its twenty-fourth special session:

A. Date and duration

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/28 of 19 November 1998, the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, from 26 to 30 June 2000.

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B. President

2. The special session should take place under the presidency of the President of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

C. Vice-Presidents

3. The Vice-Presidents of the special session should be the same as those of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

D. Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

4. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404 of 8 October 1999, the General Assembly shall establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-Fourth Special Session.

5. The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should consist of one Chairman and four Vice-Chairmen, one of whom will serve as Rapporteur. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee should serve as the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-Fourth Special Session.

E. Credentials Committee

6. The Credentials Committee of the special session should have the same membership as the Credentials Committee of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

F. General Committee

7. The General Committee of the special session should consist of the President and the 21 Vice-Presidents of the special session, the Chairpersons of the six Main Committees of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly and the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

G. Rules of procedure

8. The rules of procedure of the General Assembly should apply at the special session.

H. Level of representation

9. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404, participation in the special session should be at the highest possible political level.

I. Debate in plenary

10. Statements in the debate in plenary should not exceed seven minutes.

11. The list of speakers for the debate in plenary should be established by a drawing of lots. Heads of State, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes or Princesses and Heads of Government should be given precedence in the establishment of the list of speakers and in the speaking order and should have equal standing as regards the list of speakers. They should be followed by Ministers/Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers, Chairmen of Delegation/Vice-Ministers and Chairmen of Delegation.

J. Allocation of items

12. All items of the draft provisional agenda should be allocated to the plenary, and the substantive items should also be allocated to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

K. Participation of speakers other than Member States

13. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404, observers may make statements in the debate in plenary.

14. A number of organizations and entities have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly.

15. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404, States members of specialized agencies that are not Members of the United Nations may participate in the special session in the capacity of observers.

16. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404, associate members of the regional commissions may participate in the special session, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in the same capacity of observer that applied to their participation in the World Summit for Social Development.

17. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/404, representatives of United Nations programmes and other entities in the United Nations system may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

18. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/407 of 8 October 1999, representatives of non-governmental organizations may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

19. In accordance with General Assembly decision 54/407, given the availability of time, a limited number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may also make statements in the debate in the plenary of the special session.

L. Schedule of plenary meetings

20. Ten plenary meetings will be held over the five-day period, with two meetings per day as follows: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Agenda item 2 (a)
Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world": consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session of the General Assembly

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Koos Richelle (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly adopts the following provisional agenda for is twenty-fourth special session:

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Namibia.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the special session of the General Assembly.
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee.
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

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4. Election of the President.

5. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world".

6. Organization of the session.

7. Adoption of the agenda.

[- Substantive item(s)]

8. Adoption of the final document(s).

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Agenda item 3
Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

Draft report

Rapporteur: Bagher **Asadi** (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Chapter ___. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 14 April and _____ 2000. The Preparatory Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___) and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Cristian Maquieira (Chile).

B. Attendance

3. The following States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zambia.

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4. Palestine, an entity maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters, was also represented.

5. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Commonwealth of Independent States, Council of Europe, European Community, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference and Organization of American States.

8. The International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, entities invited to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly, were also represented by observers.

9. In accordance with decision 7 of the Preparatory Committee, adopted at its organizational session in May 1998, a number of non-governmental organizations also attended the session.

C. Officers

10. The officers of the Preparatory Committee, elected at its organizational session in 1998, remained:

Chairman:
Cristian Maquieira (Chile)

Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities:
Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen:
Abdallah Baali (Algeria)
Ion Gorita (Romania)
Koos Richelle (Netherlands)

11. Zola Skweyiya (South Africa), Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, replaced Aurelio Fernandez (Spain), former Chairman of the Commission, as ex officio member of the Bureau.

D. Agenda

12. At its 1st meeting, on 3 April, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document A/AC.253/12. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Status of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world":
   (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session of the General Assembly;
   (b) Consideration of the draft final document of the special session;
   (c) Consideration of any other proposals to be submitted to the General Assembly at its special session;
   (d) Other matters.
3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 April, the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to its decision 7 adopted at its organizational session, accredited the non-governmental organizations listed in the annex to document A/AC.253/26 for participation in the preparatory process.

F. Documentation

14. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/AC.253/12);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/13-E/CN.5/2000/2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General containing a report on a symposium on the theme "States, markets and social progress: roles and cooperation of the public and private sectors", held in Beijing from 11 to 13 October 1999 (A/AC.253/14-E/CN.5/2000/5);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General containing a report on a regional symposium on socio-economic policies during macroeconomic stabilization in countries with economies in transition, held at Ashgabat from 9 to 11 November 1999 (A/AC.253/15);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General circulating review reports and proposals for further action and initiatives submitted by organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other concerned organizations (A/AC.253/16 and Add.1-17);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in the implementation of United Nations resolutions concerning the right of self-determination (A/AC.253/17);

(g) Letter dated 11 February 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the special session (A/AC.253/18);

(h) Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session (A/AC.253/19);

(i) Note by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee on establishment of the list of speakers for the debate in plenary of the special session (A/AC.253/20);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on the development of guidelines on the role and social responsibilities of the private sector (A/AC.253/21);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the acceleration of development in Africa and the least developed countries (A/AC.253/22);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration in post-conflict situations (A/AC.253/23);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report on a seminar on values and market economies (A/AC.253/24);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of globalization on social development (A/AC.253/25);

(o) Note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations (A/AC.253/26);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General assessing the social impact of economic measures taken in response to financial crises in developing countries (A/AC.253/27);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Resources for social development: additional and innovative measures" (A/AC.253/28);

(r) Proposed outcome: revised text submitted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2 (Parts I-III);

(s) Note by the Secretariat on the proposed organization of work (A/AC.253/L.14 and Rev.1);

(t) Draft decisions submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Koos Richelle (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (A/AC.253/L.15 and 16);

(u) Note by the Secretariat containing a compilation of the summaries and proposals for further action provided by the United Nations system (A/AC.253/CRP.2).